ORTHODOX CHURCH OF RUSSIA, WITH ITS TWO ORDERS OF CLERGY, A POWERFUL FACTOR IN WAR

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"Black" Clergy Take on Vows of Monk, While "White" Priests Constitute a Secular



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As they reached the shrine and the sishop came out of his hour of prayer here for the success of Russia's strugcle. students were bidden to bring the sacred ikon of the Blessed other. Then the governor arrived, and the bishop, in emblasoned robes, with the kon held before him, began a prayer or the safety of the land of the Slavs. The peasants were kneeling on the bblestones, in the mist and rain, with - . ves worshipfully on the ikon. as the prayer was finished they rose

- a chant, and as they reached their feet the song of prayer and praise and hope for Russia had become a far-resounding anthem. The bishop stood there with the ikon sternly held before them and pronounced his blessing. As the chant-ing ceased, one giant of a fellow, with an aureole about his head, voiced the very being of his fellows in every corner of Russia when he cried: "Now I

The sight of the ikon was the final

In the orthodox church of Russia, which most people think of as having one creed, discipline and form of rites. there are two separate and distinct orders of clergy. The ecclesiastic whose somber apparel proclaims him of the "black" clergy has taken the vows of a monk, while the "white" priests constitute a secular clergy, are re-

Catholic or Protestant, the Russian priest does not act as a spiritual adpriest does not act as a spiritual adviser, and never preaches a sermon. "He is an official," writes a traveler studying the customs of the Slavs, "whose duty it is to perform complicated ceremonies, administer sacraments, read prescribed prayers and convey benedictions." As a seminarist, where he is a candidate for the robe and cassock of the church of the czar, the future "white" clergyman is not compelled to study other than with the attitude, say, of an American student of engineering; when the semident of engineering; when the semi-narist graduates he is going to per-form certain intricate services, and he

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must be acquainted with their song of his prayer. There is a special prayer for the royal family, and away down the street can be heard the closing bars of the song as it rises to a wonderful crescendo and lingers, as said to be common events, and to take no little space in the newspapers. One take is told of the closing of a semi-

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"BLACK" MONK SOWING CORN.



A BISHOP OF RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH.

enterprise being a matter not to be smiled at even by unbelievers.

"Nobody so cherished as a priest's wife," is a proverb of the now warstricken Galicia, where the Uniats also have a married priesthood. Both there and in Russia the priest may not marry the second time. Left with a brood of children, not only would he miss the companionship of his wife, but now must needs be both wage-earner and nurse.

of blue and apple-green and milk-white and gold, standing within the ramparts cut by nine red towers."
Every year 100,000 people make pil-grimages there. St. Serge was the founder, and the impressive gateway of the monastery is decorated in fresco with scenes from his life.

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There are thirteen churches within the inclosure, and the monks, instead

Since 1905 the Csar of Russia has held no claim to jurisdiction over the creeds of his people. Before that date Russians who left the orthodox church might be exiled. It is said that when Nicholas adopted this policy of toleration a Moscow editor of the ultra-conservative type declared that his sovereign had ruined the church, but instead it seems to have put new life into the clergy through the influence they may now exert when their own efforts count for something and their congregations are made up of those who really want to be at worship there.

John of Kronstadt, who comforted the last hours of Alexander III, was a great favorite in his time. He was constantly waylaid on the streets for a blessing, and seldom dld he make a speech in public that he was permitted to walk up to the platform, but was rushed there upon the shoulders of two stalwarts, for had he attempted to walk through the vast crowd he would never have reached the platform because of those who loved his benedictions. When he died and was brought for burial to St. Petersburg hordes of people knelt in the rainswept streets while the funeral cortege slows some, and the monks, instead of following the liturgy, frequently stand in the nave, bowing and crossing themselves from time to time. In the contryard there are always pligrims drinking from the spring they consider sand in the nave, bowing and crossing themselves from time to time. In the contryard there are always pligrims drinking from the spring they consider sand in the nave, bowing and crossing themselves from time to time. In the contryard there are always pligrims drinking from the spring they consider sand in the nave, bovord are the stand in the nave, bowing and themselves from them them them shoult and the marke as the stand in the nave, bowing and themselves from them them thespring they consider sand in the nave, bovord and the monks, instead in themselves from them them there are always pligrims drinking from the sprind the stand in the nave contry in the seventeenth century 30,

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upon to preside over during the day, their lives are idle. To the western mind such monastic life is almost incomprehensible, for never were there harder workers than some of the monks and nuns in the religious retreats with which we are familiar.

"The government and the ecclesiastical authorities seem to be aware that lack of employment is a prime cause of disone writer. A church circular was issued a few years ago pointing to the possible evils of idle life in religious houses, and orders were given for the dismissal of all servants, and vodka was announced as prohibitory. Kyass, made from black bread, is a mild and refresbling beverage still drunk by some of the convents and monasteries the convents and convents and monasteries the convents and convents and

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fine teachers of the languages, of mu-

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western convents. The sister of Tol-stoi, who gave up philanthropic and social life in the capital of her country to become a nun, was deeply versed in music and missed it sorely, but the only time that she was known to have music and missed it sorely, but the only time that she was known to have expressed dissatisfaction with any part of the life she had chosen was during a visit to her brother, when a musician was playing for the enjoyment of the author. "If there were only music in the convent, but they would not like it, she said.

The changes that have come into western monasticism are not comprehended in Russia. The rulings of St. Benedict acted as the code of early England. With one exception, no Francis, Ignatius or Phillip Neri has arrived to change in Russia the even ancient ruling of St. Basil, to conform more closely to any development of that country. This exception lies in the establishing in 1910 of the Convent of Mary and Martha, by a sister of the czarina. It is in a secluded section of the city of Moscow, and its nuns devote themselves to charitable work. The grand duchess is said to employ much of her office toward the care of disabled soldiers, and a friend of hers. a Russian princess, to perform the dutles of scrubwoman.

To the minds of people of other Christian nations it does not seem in the least remarkable that the sisters of a convent should manage such a home for injured soldiers, another refuge for tubercular patients, a hospital for very poor women, that they should offer to the public a dispensary and install a free library, but in Russia, even now, after four years of success in the Convent of Mary and Martha, the average inhabitant of Moscow, in whose midst the nunnery stands, does not believe in the permanency of the movement.

Only a member of the imperial family could have even dreamed of found.



A RUSSIAN PILGRIM.

Uncle Sam's Mail Service Little Affected by War

OYALTY'S last holiday is the title that might well be written on the tale of the trip to the Canadian west on which the Duke of Connaught and is family were engaged when the war in Europe called them suddenly home

In this great war the human side of royalty, to a degree at least, has been lost sight of. Belligerent nations have been individualized in their monarchs The national sins and the national virtues have been saddled equally upon monarchs, until they are either monsters or demigods, according to the partisan view, and all of the royal famlies share in the reputation attributed It cannot be a happy time for Euro

It cannot be a happy time for European royal families, closely intermaried as they are, their lives and their future in the lap of the gods, the whole system of royalty threatened. No worse, perhaps, than the condition of their subjects, but certainly, at least from their viewpoint, little better.

Just human people are these scions of reigning houses. They love and live very much as other people do. And nothing in recent years has exhibited the human side of royalty better than the suddenly interrupted tour of the connaught family in the west.

The Duke of Connaught, otherwise Prince Arthur of the reigning house of Britain, is Governor General of Canada. A son of the late Queen Victoria, he is a brother of the present dowager Empress of Germany, mother of the kaiser; was brother of the late King Edward of England, and is uncle of King George of England and also of the kaiser. In greater and lesser de-gree his relationships extend into the royal families of all European reigning

houses.

By training and profession he is a soldier, and, according to military authorities, a very good soldier, too. For years he was commander-in-chief of the British land forces, but now his other duties prevent his engaging in hostilities, which must be a matter of regret to him.

The duke is now rounding out his term of office as governor general, or viceroy, of Canada. He was to have been succeeded this autumn by Prince Arthur of Teck, but the war has interfered.

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Two years ago the duke, his family and a party of officials of the viceregal court at Ottawa discovered for themselves the Canadian west, which is very much the same as the American



PRINCESS PATRICIA ON INDIAN PONY NEAR LAKE LOUISE, B. C. PHOTO BY THE DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT.

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The sto have by Prince as a rule are not noted for their love-liness. Princess Patricia is an exception. Furthermore, she is famed for their her willfulness, her unconventionality. Her will such as for her beauty. Gos-american is in years past has married her off unconventionality. American the fectionately termed, refuses to consent more look to any mere "state marriage," and her heart is still her own. Spinsterhood, at least so far, has no terrors for her.

Another member of the party was daughter, Cel. Henry Cecil Lowther, D. S. O.,

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in one of the very first engagements killed in battle. Death already has entered the ranks of the vice regal. In the west two years ago and again in July the Commanting party played the Commanting party as thought in the Commanting party as thought in the Commanting party as though it was a played to the Commanting party as thought in the Commanting party as thought the Commanting party as thought in the Commanting party as thought the Commanting party as thoug

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